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of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector

for 1965

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Frinton and Walton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Frinton and Walton for the year 1965. The Report includes that of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the same period. The state of the public health in the district remains satisfactory as in previous years.

There were 161 cases of infectious disease during the year under review including 145 cases of measles. No cases of food-poisoning were recorded, which in some measure reflect the zeal of the Public Health Inspectorate in maintaining a careful watch on the numerous food premises in the district, a matter which is referred to elsewhere in the Report.

The birth rate remains about the same at 16.4 as does the death rate at 10.2, both a little below the national rate. Turning to the specific cause of death, cases of cancer show a decrease at 40 in number, seven less than last year, but cases of cerebral haemorrhage show quite an increase at 42 instead of 25, and there is a corresponding increase in heart disease. This, no doubt, indicates the increasing number of old people who are coming to live in the district. There was one death from Tuberculosis.

Attendance at the County Clinics continues at a satisfactory scale, and there has been a marked increase in the number of infants attending for vaccination against small-pox.

The water supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity throughout the year, and it appears that a saving of some twenty million gallons has been achieved through restrictions on the use of water for garden and car washing purposes. Details of bacteriological and chemical analyses of the water are given elsewhere in the Report.

The work of the Public Health Staff continues to expand, particularly that part of their duty relating to the administration of Council house tenants, which includes welfare work and tenancy allocations. This inevitably encroaches on the time available for public health work. Some concern must also be expressed about the manner, in which the growth of catering businesses in Walton has outstripped their capacity for physical expansion. This has resulted in some deterioration of hygiene standards, which places an additional load of responsibility on the Public Health Staff who are already fully committed. Eventually, no doubt, redevelopment of Walton Town Centre will help to solve this problem.

Considerable nuisance to occupiers of commercial properties in Connaught Avenue by pigeon infestation has occurred during the year. It is unfortunate in this connexion that public sentiment has prevented the Council from implementing its powers under Section 74 of the Public Health Act, 1961. This is a national problem that can only be solved by united effort, and the development of a more realistic attitude by the public at large.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Council, the Public Health Committee, and Officers of the Council for their co-operation during the year and to the Staff of the Public Health Department my thanks for their excellent work.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. STENHOUSE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District of ...	Frinton and Walton
Area in acres ...	6,293
Population:	
1961 census ...	9,571
1965 Registrar General's Estimate	11,150
Density of estimated population per acre	1.77
Rateable value ...	£ 560,338
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 2,230
Number of inhabited houses (estimate)	5,000
Total live births ...	134
Crude birth rate ...	12.0
Corrected birth rate ...	16.4
Birth rate (England and Wales)...	18.0
Number of illegitimate births ...	12
Percentage of total births ...	9.0
Total live and still births ...	134
Total still births ...	-
Still birth rate ...	-
Still birth rate (England and Wales)	15.7
Total deaths ...	196
Crude death rate ...	17.6
Corrected death rate ...	10.2
Death rate (England and Wales)...	11.5
Death of infants under 1 year of age	1
Infant mortality rate ...	7.5
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)	19.0
Infant mortality rate - legitimate	8.2
Infant mortality rate - illegitimate	-
Neo-natal mortality rate ...	-
Early neo-natal mortality rate	-
Perinatal mortality rate ...	-
Maternal deaths ...	-
Maternal mortality rate ...	-
Cancer deaths ...	40
Tuberculosis deaths ...	1

LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1965

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	61	61	122
Illegitimate	7	5	12
	68	66	134

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1965 (R.G.)

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	1	-	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1
Cancer ...	23	17	40
Leukaemia ...	1	1	2
Diabetes ...	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	27	42
Coronary disease, angina ...	26	24	50
Heart disease ...	7	15	22
Other circulatory disease ...	2	7	9
Influenza ...	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	5	2	7
Bronchitis ...	6	1	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis ...	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	1	-	1
Congenital malformations ...	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	5	7
Motor vehicle accidents ...	-	1	1
All other accidents ...	-	1	1
Suicide ...	1	-	1
	92	104	196

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1965

Under 1 year	1
1 and under 5 years	-
5 and under 15 years	1
15 and under 25 years	1
25 and under 45 years	2
45 and under 65 years	35
65 and under 75 years	55
75 and upwards	101
	196

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES 1965

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Measles	145	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-
Whooping Cough	9	-	-
	161	-	-

IMMUNISATIONS IN 1965

	Year of Birth	Primary Course	Re-inforcing Injections
QUADRILIN (DTPP)	1965-1962	1	-
TRIPLE (DPT)	1965-1962	154	98
	1958-1961	4	20
	Others under age 16	1	2
DIP/TET	1965-1962	2	5
	1958-1961	4	40
	Others under age 16	5	2
DIPHTHERIA	1965-1962	-	-
	1958-1961	-	18
	Others under age 16	-	5
PERTUSSIS	1958-1961	-	2
TETANUS	1958-1961	16	19
	Others under age 16	8	8

TUBERCULOSIS

There were two cases of Tuberculosis notified, and one death occurred during the year 1965.

Notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis since 1962:-

Year	New cases	Deaths
1962	4	-
1963	3	-
1964	2	-
1965	2	1

The following figures give the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1965:-

Respiratory Male	20	Non-respiratory Male	-
Respiratory Female	10	Non-respiratory Female	-
	30		-

Total cases: 30.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

The Council, through its Medical Officer, is empowered by the above Acts to secure the removal to hospital or institution, of persons in need of care and attention. No formal action was necessary during 1965.

In consequence of informal action, however, two aged persons were removed to hospital, domestic assistance arranged for three aged persons, and surveillance given by the Health Visitor and your Public Health Inspectors to four elderly persons living alone. The Council re-housed one aged person.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

Total number of Out-breaks	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths	Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks attributable to each	Food involved with number of outbreaks associated with each food
Nil	Nil	-	-	-

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

(a) WATER	Bacteriological Examination Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company's Supply	19	-
Kirby-le-Soken Supply	7	-
Private Sources	20	4
(b) MILK		
Pasteurised T.T.	2	-
Pasteurised	2	-
Sterilised	1	-
Milk Containers	18	6
(c) FOOD		
Cream confectionery	10	-
Sausages	4	-
Lambs Tongues	3	-
Whelks, lots	-	1 *
Cockles, lots	-	2 *
Mussels, lots	2	-
Oysters, initial specimens	11	1 *
Oysters, repeat specimens	12	-

* Detailed investigations carried out at premises of both Retailers and Suppliers. Public Health Authorities concerned contacted. Samples of sea water, obtained from the local oyster laying, sent to Laboratory for examination and other necessary action taken including consultation with the Fisheries Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at Burnham-on-Crouch.

(d) ICE-CREAM

	Ministry of Health - Provisional Grading			
	Grade I.	Grade II.	Grade III.	Grade IV.
Ice-cream	3	2	1	1

(e) ICE CONTAINERS

Imported water-filled plastic pink elephants, intended after freezing for use in cooling drinks, were found to be on local sale following national publicity towards the end of the year regarding the condition of the filling water. A box containing twelve of the novelties was sent for examination, and the Laboratory reported that although no pathogenic or coliform organisms were isolated the water was not sterile. The local sale of the novelties was temporarily stopped by arrangement with shopkeepers, pending clarification of the position.

(f) FOOD SAMPLES EXAMINED BY PUBLIC ANALYST

1.	Meat Pasties	Mould growths confirmed. Warning letter send to Retailer. Manufacturers informed.
2.	Sausages	One maggot found in packet of wrapped sausages. Evidence of responsibility indefinite. Warning letter sent to both Manufacturers and Vendor.

(g) MEDICAL SPECIMENS

	Positive	Negative
Faecal specimens	-	7
Throat swabs	2	14
Nose swabs	1	11

(h) BATHING POOL WATER

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Samples, 18 No.	18	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

During 1965, a total quantity of 207.863 million gallons of water was supplied to the Urban District by the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company, from their Dedham Pumping Station with some assistance during the summer peak period from subsidiary sources at Lawford. This figure gives an average daily consumption of 0.569 million gallons, with a peak of 0.765 million gallons per day.

Domestic consumption was 175.982 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.482 million gallons. The total amount taken through trade meters was 31.881 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.087 million gallons.

Domestic and trade connections to the Company's mains, totalled 152.

Approximately 931 yards of new mains of 3", 4", 6" and 9" diameter were laid in the Frinton and Walton Urban District during the year.

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company
Dedham Works - Water Analyses
Chemical Results in Parts per Million

		1965 Maximum	1965 Minimum
Colour		Less than 3	Nil
pH		7.8	7.5
Electric Conductivity		940	850
Chlorine present as Chloride		148	116
Hardness	Total	300	280
	Carbonate	285	250
	Non-Carbonate	40	15
Nitrate Nitrogen		0.3	0.0
Ammoniacal Nitrogen		0.67	0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen		0.10	0.00
Metals	(Iron)	0.40	0.10
Turbidity		Less than 3	Nil
Odour		slightly chlorinous	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide		17	8
Total Solids		625	550
Alkalinity as calcium Carbonate		285	255
Nitrite Nitrogen		Less than 0.01	absent
Oxygen absorbed		0.30	0.00
Residual Chlorine		0.14	0.05

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

		1 day at 37 C	2 days at 37 C	3 days at 20 C
Number of Colonies developing on Agar	Minimum	0 per ml.	0 per ml.	0 per ml.
	Maximum	0 per ml.	3 per ml.	9 per ml.

	Present in	Absent from	Probable Number
Presumptive Coliaerogenes Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Bact. coli (Type 1)	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	

REMARKS

These samples are practically clear and bright in appearance have a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and are free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.

All samples were analysed by the Counties Public Health Laboratories.

The Laboratory reported satisfactory bacteriological findings on samples of the mains water, obtained from time to time during the year by your Public Health Officers, from points covering all parts of the Urban District.

The private water supply to the Village of Kirby-le-Soken, continued to be satisfactory in both quality and quantity. Only a few houses in the Village rely on this supply for drinking and domestic purposes, but the mains water is available should it ever be required.

Private wells supply some 19 houses in the rural parts of the area with water. The water is of doubtful quality in the case of 4 wells, and at the close of the year informal action was commenced to secure mains water connections to the affected properties involving the laying of a long length of service mains.

		Houses	Population (est.)
A.	Direct to houses	4,925	10,930
B.	Standpipes	75	220

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out during 1965:-

Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)	1,080
Other inspections	1,450
Informal Notices served	197
Informal Notices complied with	145
Formal Notices served	2
Formal Notices complied with	2

The following are the Principal Improvements obtained:-

HOUSING

Roof renewed	1
Roofs repaired	3
Gutters and spouting, repaired or renewed	3
Floors repaired or renewed	7
Wallplaster repaired	12
Ceilings repaired	4
Door and window repairs and renewals	14
Kitchen sinks renewed	2
Rooms cleansed	8
Rooms redecorated	8
Plumbing repairs	3
Miscellaneous	18

HOUSING ACTS

Unfit houses demolished, formal action	4
Unfit houses demolished, informal action	5
Houses made fit and modernized, formal action	2
Houses repaired and improved, informal action (Public Health and Housing Acts)	47
Closing Order determined	1
Unfit houses closed by arrangement with owners	5
House in proposed clearance area purchased by Council	1

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Discretionary:	Applications approved in respect of 3 units of accommodation	3
Standard:	Applications approved in respect of 21 units of accommodation	21
Conversions:	Property approved for conversion into 2 self-contained Flats	1

CLEARANCE AREAS

The clearance of 23 unfit houses in North Street, Walton-on-Naze remains dependant upon proposals, still under consideration at the end of the year, for the redevelopment of the area.

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1965

	Commenced	Completed
By the Council	13	6
By Private Enterprise	194	204

DRAINAGE

Drainage systems repaired and improved	32
Drainage systems renewed, in part	10
Drains unblocked and cleansed	26
Drainage cesspits cleansed	152
Drainage cesspits improved	16
Sewage sumps cleansed	7
Drainage ditches cleansed (340 yds)	9

CLOSETS

W. C. accommodation repaired and improved	7
New sanitary fittings provided	24
Toilet block and ablution facilities provided (Caravan sites)	1
New sewage pump provided	1
Other improvements	15

DUSTBINS

Defective dustbins renewed	117

NUISANCES

Animal nuisances abated	8
Insect nuisances abated	72
Rubbish accumulations removed	79
Stagnant water nuisances abated	3
Overgrown land cleared	15
Smoke nuisances abated	3

WATER SUPPLY

Wells cleansed	6
Well improvements	6
Storage tanks renewed	3
Well water chlorinated	6

FOOD PREMISES

Premises modernised	1
Wall and ceiling improvements	18
Lighting and ventilation improved	3
Rooms redecorated throughout	26
New equipment provided	5
Impervious food table tops provided	2
Staff sanitary accommodation improved	3
First-aid outfits provided	8
Miscellaneous improvements	17

PORT SANITATION

No action was required during 1965 under the Port Sanitary Regulations.

VERMIN, MOTH ETC.

Rooms and contents fumigated	2
Caravans and contents fumigated	16
Articles destroyed	7 lots

MOSQUITO DESTRUCTION

Spraying of mass breeding areas with Larvicide is carried out as necessary. No large scale treatment by the Council was required during 1965. Larvicide is made available to local residents, at a small charge, for the treatment of minor breeding areas on private land.

DISINFECTIONS

Rooms and contents fumigated	4
Caravans and contents fumigated	1
Bedding and clothing destroyed	9 lots

RIVERS AND STREAM POLLUTION

There is little improvement to report in respect of the unsatisfactory condition of the Kirby Stream, which has been referred to in previous Reports. Improvements proposed to the Kirby Sewage Works have not yet been commenced.

HOUSEBOATS

By agreement between the Council and the Yacht Trust Limited, it is the intention to secure the removal of all houseboats from Walton-on-Naze by 1971. A number of the 13 houseboats are now in poor condition and beyond economical repair, apart from which the sanitary arrangements are not very satisfactory.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Visits by Public Health Inspectors	129
Visits by Rodent Operator	930
Houses inspected	442
Houses treated	276
Other Premises inspected	113
Other Premises treated	31
Overgrown plots cleared	11
Sewer maintenance treatment	3
Other Council Undertakings treated	9

CARAVAN SITES

Licensed Sites	7
Accommodation	1,554 caravans

All sites are seasonal only, and provided with modern sanitation, main drainage and mains water.

Improvements carried out during 1965 include:

Additional sanitary and ablution blocks provided	2
New sewage pump	1
Additional drain gullies	7
Sanitary blocks improved	6
Hot water provided	4
Additional showers	7
Additional basins and sinks	9
Site access roads repaired	5
Site access road surfaced	1
Access roads lighted	2
Additional fire equipment	2

Following discussions between the Council and Licensee, additional site licence conditions were imposed in respect of a large Caravan Site in Walton-on-Naze in order to secure generally improved site sanitary arrangements and conditions.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The preparation of schemes for major improvements to the sewerage and sewage disposal systems has continued.

A relief sewer at Kirby-le-Soken was provided during the year between Halstead Road and Kirby Sewage Disposal Works.

Flooding of sewers occurred at times of intensive rainfall at the junction of Walton Road and Hervilly Way, and near the Walton Pumping Station, and emergency measures had to be taken to deal with the difficulties.

The section of the main sewerage scheme which includes the construction of a new sewage disposal works at the Naze End of Walton, should be commenced in 1966.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Premises registered, and action taken, at end of Year.

Offices	33	) employing
Shops	108	) 407 female and
Catering Establishments	14	) 239 male persons

Visits to registered premises	143
Premises inspected in detail	51
Notices served	46
Improvements required	144
Improvements completed	104
Accidents reported	Nil

INADEQUATELY HOUSED FAMILIES

During 1965, 9 family applicants were re-housed in three-bedroom Council houses, and 8 elderly couples and single persons in Council Flats and Bungalows. Included in the above figures are tenancy transfers, which were arranged in order to relieve the under-occupation of 4 three-bedroom houses which were subsequently re-allocated to family applicants. At the end of the year, there were on the Waiting Lists 67 applicants for houses, and 98 applicants for small dwellings.

COUNCIL HOUSING SITES

Six one-bedroomed Flats, on three storeys, for aged persons were erected in Walton-on-Naze, the dwellings being tenanted immediately upon completion.

Further housing schemes prepared by the Council include:-

Hall Lane, Walton-on-Naze Aged Persons Block containing 4 one-bedroom, and 26 bed-sitting room Flats.

Three five-storey blocks, each containing ground-floor accommodation of 2 one-bedroom, and 1 bed-sitting room, Flats; first and second-floor accommodation comprising 4 two-bedroom Maisonettes; and 3 two-bedroom, and 1 three bedroom, Maisonettes on third and fourth floors.

Four three-bedroom houses.

Grove Avenue, Walton-on-Naze. 14 one-bedroom Flats on ground-floor, and 14 three-bedroom Maisonettes on first and second floors of three blocks.

Occupied Council dwellings now total 272, viz:- 231 houses, 22 bungalows and 19 flats.

Council dwellings erected since 1946 - 176.

COUNCIL HOUSES - TENANCIES AND ADMINISTRATION

Applications for Council house tenancies, records, correspondence and interviews in connection therewith, the inspection of tenanted houses to secure compliance with conditions of tenancy and attention to matters concerning the welfare of tenants, are dealt with by the Public Health Department. Considerable time is spent by your Officers in the above matters, time which will increase as house development is expanded and inevitably further encroach on the routine public health administration of the District.

FOOD PREMISES

The following Table sets out the number of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, grouped in categories of trade carried on in them and includes the following approximate information for each category separately:-

A. The number of premises.
B. The number of premises provided with staff hand-washing facilities in compliance with Regulation 16.
C. The number of premises subject to compliance with Regulation 19 which requires, in food premises in which open food is handled, the provision of sufficient sinks or other facilities for washing food and food equipment.
D. The number of premises at C above actually fitted to comply with Regulation 19.

Premises	A.	B.	C.	D.	Inspections.
Grocers and Provision Merchants	31	31	29	29	74
Restaurants	33	33	33	33	164
Hotels and Guest Houses	26	26	26	26	16
Seasonal Refreshment Kiosks	11	11	7	7	21
School Canteens	5	5	5	5	3
Workshop Canteens	1	-	1	1	1
Clubs etc.	11	11	5	5	3
Butchers	11	11	11	11	142
Bakeries and Cake Shops	11	11	11	11	68
Wet Fish Shops	5	5	5	5	18
Fried Fish Shops	4	4	4	4	23
Dairy	1	-	1	1	14
Milk Shops	17	-	-	-	9
Food Hawkers	6	2	1	-	18
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	14	14	9	9	14
Confectioners	17	13	-	-	28
Licensed Premises	15	14	15	10	18
	219				634

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES

The number of food premises registered with the Council under the Food and Drugs Act or the Essex County Council Act is as follows:-

Ice-cream, sale	87
Shell-fish, preparation	2
Fried Fish Shops	4
Sausage and Preserved Meat, preparation	22

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughterhouses in the area. The bulk of butchers meat sold is obtained from Wholesale Suppliers. One local purveyor arranges for food animals to be slaughtered in the area.

The inspection of home-killed meat, carried out at the places of slaughter, is supplemented from time to time by further inspections by your Public Health Inspectors in local shops.

The following foodstuffs, found upon inspection to be unfit for consumption, were disposed of at the Refuse Disposal Site.

Fresh Meat	126 lbs.
Frozen Meat	48 "
Poultry	22 "
Fish	7 "
Meat	62 "
Vegetables, tins	9 "
Frozen Foods:-	
Meat	5 lbs.
Vegetables	7 "
Fish	3 "
Miscellaneous	526 pkts.

MILK SUPPLY

Designated milk is sold under satisfactory conditions from 20 premises in the Urban District by 15 registered distributors. The milk supply is obtained from Dairy Companies having premises outside the area, and from local dairy farms. One registered dairy is located in Frinton-on-Sea.

ICE-CREAM

There were no difficulties during 1965 in respect of the sale of ice-cream by the 84 registered vendors. Pre-packed ice-cream only was sold. Premises were inspected from time to time and vendors advised of any improvements considered necessary to buildings, plant, storage and handling arrangements. Laboratory investigations of ice-cream samples are reported on Page 9.

BAKEHOUSES

Regular visits of inspection were made to bakehouses. At the end of the year, there were 5 premises on the register. Bread and confectionery baking is carried out at 3 of the premises, and flour confectionery only produced at the remaining 2 establishments.

The capacity of two bakeries is being outgrown by expanding businesses and, as reported last year, the need is becoming more urgent for the provision in less congested areas of larger premises constructed and equipped on modern lines. This is necessary not only to adequately accommodate the businesses and to secure improved staff working conditions, but to ensure the maintenance at all times of a satisfactory standard of hygiene. Managements have been approached in this matter.

FOOD HYGIENE

Although there has been a general advance in the standard of food hygiene, conditions at some food premises cannot always be regarded as satisfactory and applies particularly to the seasonal period, when there is substantial increase in the population. Inadequate space and cramped working conditions are nearly always present in premises converted or adapted as foodshops and catering premises, and these conditions have been found to interfere with the adequate hygienic maintenace of premises, and some times plant and equipment. Labour problems are also involved, and not all managements appear to exercise full responsibility for the implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations. During the year, every opportunity was again taken to remind managements and staffs of food premises of the importance of personal hygiene in handling foodstuffs, and the adequate cleansing of equipment and plant.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION

Satisfactory arrangements for the regular weekly collection of domestic refuse from all dwellings were continued during 1965, three modern refuse collection vehicles being engaged in the work. The removal of trade refuse was undertaken by arrangement, and additional collections of refuse made during the season from hotels, restaurants and caravan sites.

Income from all sources in respect of refuse collection, removal and disposal, amounted to £779.

An order has been placed for a new large capacity refuse collection vehicle fitted with a rear refuse compaction device. Delivery of the vehicle is expected in April, 1966.

In addition to house and trade refuse, some 69 loads of reject furniture and bulky household and other articles were removed and disposed of by the Council, at the request of occupiers of premises who paid for the service.

A few derelict motor cars were removed and disposed of, but there are clear indications of future difficulties in this matter unless disposal facilities within a reasonable distance of the District are made available.

Some 117 defective dustbins at dwelling-houses were replaced by new bins under the Council's Domestic Dustbins Scheme. At the request of the Council, the paper sack method of refuse storage has been introduced at dwellings on new housing development. Developers are made responsible for the provision and fixing of sack holders, and the Council provides householders with paper refuse sacks. The method will be extended, and it is the Council's objective to secure, generally throughout the District, conversion to paper refuse sacks by January, 1971.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

There is no change to report in the refuse disposal arrangements mentioned in the Annual Report for 1964. As already reported, additional land for refuse disposal will be required within the next two or three years. The existing

David Brown Tractor is nearing the end of its serviceable life, and a replacement vehicle will be required next year.

STREET CLEANSING

District roads are regularly scavenged by a Lewin Mechanical Sweeper, and by hand sweeping, the more important roads being swept daily. Classified roads are also cleansed by the Council, by arrangement with the Essex County Council. A Lacre Mechanical Sweeper has been ordered as a replacement for the Lewin Sweeper, and this will be delivered in 1966.

Street gullies are cleansed regularly by mechanical means. under contract.

Additional litter bins and baskets, of an improved type, have been provided on premenades.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A new block of conveniences has been completed in Mill Lane, and preliminary consideration is being given to the provision of additional public lavatories on a new promenade which is being constructed between Frinton-on-Sea and Walton-on-Naze.

Free hand-washing facilities, comprising basin, cold water, soap and paper towels, have now been extended to include all 15 public conveniences in the District. Consideration has been deferred for the time being to the installation of electrically-operated warm-air hand-dryers, in replacement of paper towels.

It is expected that improved sign-posting arrangements to public conveniences throughout the District, will be arranged during 1966.

FACTORIES

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	12	3	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	66	49	2	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	3	3	1	-
Totals:	90	64	6	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	4	4	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	3	3	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	8	8	-	2	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

SECTIONS 133 and 134

Section 133				Section 134
Nature of work	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	2	-	-	-

The premises were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

WEATHER

Weather statistics for 1965 are summarized below:-

Sunshine	1399.1	hours.
Rainfall	24.93	inches.
Mean Maximum temperature	12.0°	Centigrade.
Mean Minimum temperature	6.9°	Centigrade.

Thunderstorms occurred on 17 days.

Fog (classed as visibility less than 1,100 yards at 9.00 a.m.) on 11 days.

Air frosts occurred on 32 days.

Gales (classed as wind of 34 knots lasting for more than 10 minutes) occurred on 10 days.

Snow or sleet fell on 28 days.